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64th ANNUAL SESSION

—OF—

The Pee Dee Missionary Baptist and Educational Association

HELD WITH THE

Jone's Chapel Baptist Church

Red Springs, N. C.

October 5, 1933

Silver Grove Raeford

65th Session will be held at ~~Silver Grove~~ Baptist church, ~~Lumberton~~, N. C., and will convene at 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1934.

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2. Ashley Heights.
3. Bright Hope Well, Messenger, Rev. L. L. King
4. Buffalo Spring, Messengers, Rev. Jno. Ferguson and Deacon P. H. Hennygen.
5. Bethlehem, Messengers, Rev. A. L. McRae and Rev. James Maronoy.
6. Covington Chapel, Messenger, Rev. B. J. Ivey.
7. Center Grove, Messenger, Bro. Peter McLaughlin.
8. Cedar Grove, Messenger, Rev. K. J. Huff.
9. Ellerbe Grove, Messengers, Bros. H. C. Ellerbe and W. C. Covington.
10. Evans Grove, Messenger, Bro. Thomas Hawkins.
11. Ebenezer, Messengers, Rev. W. H. Horn and Bro. Eli Spencer.
12. Friendship, Messengers, Deacon K. J. McLendon, Rev. Evander Ganey and Paul McLendon.
13. First Baptist Southern Pines.
14. Galilee, Messenger, Bro. P. H. Alford.
15. Henry Grove, Messenger, Deacon J. W. Bennett.
16. Holly Grove, Messengers, Bro. S. V. Hines and J. H. Bostick.
17. Island Grove, Messengers, Bros. F. K. Inman and L. M. Cole.
18. Jones Chapel (R. Spr.) Messengers, W. M. Jones, J. W. McRae, K. L. Drake
19. Jones Chapel, (Scot.)
20. Jackson Chapel, Messenger, Rev. J. S. Hasty.
21. Laurel Hill First Baptist.
22. Lovely Hill.
23. Levisters Chappel.
24. Mt. Moriah, Messenger, Rev. T. R. Richardson.
25. Mt. Zion, Messenger, Rev. J. A. Tyson.
26. Mt. Tabor, Messenger, Bro. Roosevelt McCallum.
27. Mt. Vernon.
28. Macedonia, Messenger, Miss Lillie Yates.
29. Nazareth, Messenger, Rev. E. B. Pipkins.
30. Nasheville, Messengers, Bro. H. C. McLean, J. C. McNair, Miss Colester McLean.
31. New Hope, Messenger, Deacons, R. C. White and C. W. Nevines.
32. Oak Hill, Messengers, Rev. E. W. Andrews and H. R. Robinson.
33. Oak Grove (1) Messenger, Bro. W. M. Bethea.
34. Oak Grove (2) Messenger, Rev. Walter Graham.
35. Providence, Messengers, Rev. R. Allen and E. D. Dumas.
36. Pee Dee, Messenger, Rev. J. A. Ingram.
37. Poplar Springs, (Adoir) Messenger, Deacon, S. W. Core.
38. Poplar Springs (Rich) Messenger, Bros. W. M. Smith and C. C. Covington.
39. Sandy Grove (Rich)

40. Sandy Grove (Maxton), Messenger, Bro. A. D. McLaughlin.
41. Reedy Creek.
42. Red Hill, Messengers, Rev. R. C. Campbell, Bro. Ben Wall.
43. Rock Hill.
44. Shady Grove, Messengers, Deacons J. M. Covington and D. L. Evans.
45. Shiloh, Messenger, Bro. R. B. Dean.
46. Silver Grove, Messenger, Deacon Frank Reid.
47. Second Baptist, Laurinburg.
48. Second Baptist, Aberdeen.
49. Spring Branch, Messenger, Deacons G. G. Love and J. C. Gilchrist.
50. St. James (Rowland) Messengers, Rev. J. W. Tucker and Miss Estella Williamson.
51. St. John.
52. St. Paul, Messengers, Bro. C. B. Harris, Mrs. Anna Rose.
53. St. Stephen, Bro. Alexander Harrington and Deacon J. N. Nicholson.
54. St. Luke, Messengers, M. H. McArthur and H. J. McCallum.
55. Stuarts Grove, Messenger, Rev. A. Smith.
56. Unionville.
57. Corinth, Messenger, Bro. E. D. Johnson.
58. Laurinburg, First Baptist, Messengers, Bros. C. J. Gilispie and W. M. Mores.
59. Clark's Grove, Not represented.
60. Fairley's Grove.
61. Wadesboro First Baptist, Messenger, Rev. W. T. Johnson.
62. Southern Pines First Baptist, Messengers, Bros. S. P. Burtons, E. L. Olive and Joe Waddell.
63. McCormick's Chapel, Messenger, deacons Jno. Carthy, W. M. Campbell and E. B. Mack.
64. Solid Rock.
65. Mt. Zion Baptist (Row) Messenger, Miss Lessie Thompson.
66. Spring Hill (Hoke) Messenger, Miss Julia Cagle.
67. Morrison's Grove, Messenger, Rev. Z. D. McRae.
68. St. Mark, Messenger, Bro. Willie Wallace.
69. Marks Creek, Messenger, Bro. J. L. Dockery.
70. Midway, Messenger, Rev. W. J. Ferguson.

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3. Rev. Baine, A. B. ..... High Point, N. C.
4. Rev. Covington, P. C., D. D. ..... Gibson, N. C.
5. Rev. Core, J. D. ..... Addor, N. C.
7. Rev. Cooper, C. J. ..... Red Springs, N. C.
8. Rev. Crocket, H. L. ..... Wadesboro, N. C
9. Rev. David, H. D. ..... Wagram, N. C.

10. Rev. Diggs, J. W. ..... Pee Dee, N. C.
11. Rev. Ellerbe, C. W. ..... Rockingham, N. C.
12. Rev. Everett, J. B. ..... Laurinburg, N. C.
13. Rev. Furgerson, W. J. ..... Raeford, N. C.
14. Rev. Gilchrist, G. B. ..... Laurinburg, N. C.
15. Rev. Greene, E. Z. ..... Red Springs, N. C.
16. Rev. Harris, W. M. ..... Laurinburg, N. C.
17. Rev. Hays, I. T. ..... Pine Bluff, N. C.
18. Rev. Ivey, B. J. ..... Charlotte, N. C.
19. Rev. Johns, T. A. ..... Laurinburg, N. C.
20. Rev. Johnson, W. T. ..... Ansonville, N. C.
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22. Rev. Lipscombe, C. D. ..... Laurinburg, N. C.
23. Rev. Jones, R. J. ..... Wagram, N. C.
24. Rev. Mason, G. B. ..... Hamlet, N. C.
25. Rev. Miller, W. H. ..... Rowland, N. C.
26. Rev. McRae, Y. D. ..... Pinehurst, N. C.
27. Rev. McKey, M. ..... Maxton, N. C.
28. Rev. Liles, J. A. ..... Lilesville, N. C.
29. Rev. Richardson, T. R. ..... Rockingham, N. C.
30. Rev. Robinson, P. ..... Hamlet, N. C.
31. Rev. McDowell, W. M. .....
32. Rev. Saunders, W. S. ..... Laurinburg, N. C.
33. Rev. Tyson, J. A. ..... Candor, N. C.
34. Rev. Malloy, J. W. .....
35. Rev. Crawford, H. C. .....
36. Rev. Wertz, L. W. ..... Hamlet, N. C.
37. Rev. Quick, H. I. ..... Rockingham, N. C.
38. Rev. Williams, J. T. ..... Rockingham, N. C.
39. Rev. Wertz, James F. ..... Rockingham, N. C.
40. Rev. Womack, E. D. ..... St. Paul, N. C.
41. Rev. Cox, L. R. .....
42. Rev. Jenning, E. J. .....
43. Rev. McKinnis, L. M. .....
44. Rev. Nelum, E. B. ..... Pinehurst, N. C.
45. Rev. Morgan, J. H. ..... Wadesboro, N. C.
46. Rev. Huntley, N. H. .....
47. Rev. Campbell, R. C. ..... Hamlet, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

First Day Thursday

MORNING SESSION

Red Springs, N. C., Oct. 5th 1933

Jone's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

The 64th annual grand session of the Grand Old Pee Dee Missionary Baptist and Educational Association convened at 10:30 o'clock A. M. The moderator, Rev. P. C. Covington, D. D. took charge of the devotional service. He called the house to order by lining hymn No. 454. "A Charge To Keep I Have," which was sweetly sung. Invocation by brother J. T. Dockery. "Come We That Love The Lord," was sung. The Moderator read for a scripture lesson from 1 Peter 5 chapter. In commenting he stressed the importance of intense vigilance and faithfulness maintained and practiced by all Christians. Rev. R. H. L. Crockett offered prayer. Then after impertinent and impressive remarks, the Moderator announced the house in order for the transaction of business. The programs were distributed read and adopted. The ministers who were present were enrolled with the regular enrollment fee of 25c each. The next in order as provided on the program, was the introductory sermon by Rev. Walter Graham. Rev. Graham, Rev. W. C. Cooly and Rev. H. C. Crawford occupied seats in the sacred desk. Rev. Crawford arose and lined hymn No. 522, "A Few More Years Shall Role," which was sweetly sung by the audience. Then the Moderator introduced Rev. Graham to the congregation. Rev. Graham arose and announced for a text, Neh, 4th ch. 17 verse, Subject: "For They Had a Mind To Work." With this text the young minister preached a great sermon that was enjoyed by all. Invocation by Rev. R. H. L. Crockett, after which an offering was lifted which amounted to $7.00. Then the following visitors were introduced to the audience: Rev. F. K. Peterson, Prof. Deane and C. L. Stephens, Rev. K. J. Huff, Rev J. M. Jackson, Rev. D. D. Simmons, Rev. James Mornoy, Rev. J. L. Sigon and Miss Thompson. Benediction by Rev. K. J. Huff.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body reassembled at 2:30 P. M. The praise service was conducted by Bro. Furgerson, which consisted of beautiful songs and fervent prayers. Those who participated in the service hearts seemed to have been divinely touched by the Holy Spirit. Then the Moderator came forward and delivered his annual message which was a commendable docu-

ment, full of thought and wholesome advice. A committee on the Moderator's Address was appointed. (See address and committee elsewhere.) Then the following visitors were introduced to the body: Dr. O. S. Bullock, pastor of the First Baptist church of Raleigh, N. C. Prof. W. C. Johnson, Editor of the Union Reformer. Each of the brethern made interesting remarks. Then the Moderator appointed the various committees. (See list of Committees.) After which the pastor of the church, Dr. L. W. Wertz, assigned the ministers, messengers and visitors to their various homes. Benediction by Rev. Prof. K. J. Huff.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The session reconvened at 7:30 P. M.. While the congregation was being made up, we were favored with a number of beautiful spirituals. Then the congregation joined in with the choir in singing, Holy, Holy. Invocation by Prof. Peterson. The Lords prayer was chanted by the local choir. Prof James F. Wertz introduced Dean Tilly of Shaw University to the audience. This efficient and eminent Christian gentleman, a minister of the gospel and scholarly educator delivered a profound and instructive message that was listened to with intense interest. We were fortunate in being favored with such a great message from this great man.

Local Program

Local Program of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist and Educational Association held with the Jone's Chapel Church.

1 Negro National Anthem ..... by the Choir
2. Invocation ..... by Rev. E. Z Greene

Welcome Addresses

1. On Behalf of the Sunday School ..... Mr. D. McLean
2. On Behalf of the W. M. S. Circle ..... Mrs. S. P. Edwards
3. On Behalf of the W. I. C. Circle ..... Miss Rosena Hacket
4. Duet ..... Misses Ada McCoy and Bessie Williams
5. On Behalf of the Church ..... Prof. G. R. Harrington
6. On Behalf of the churches of the City ..... Rev. T. R. Gaines
7. On Behalf of the business men ..... Mr. J. W. Brown
8. On Behalf of the Educational System ..... Prof. J. T. Paterson
9. On Behalf of the City His Hon., The Mayor ..... Hon. W. L. McRae
10. Solo ..... Mrs. C. F. Campbell

The local program was well prepared and rendered and met the approval of the audience. The rendition of this program was indeed an intelligent one. The writer does not think it has been excelled in the annals of the Pee Dee Association. The local program having been concluded

Revs. R. H. L. Crockett, J. A. Liles, H. I. Quick and E. Z. Greene occupied seats in the sacred desk. Rev. Liles lined hymn No. "My God the Springs of all my Joy", which was sweetly sung by the audience. Then Rev. Crockett arose and after a few remarks announced for a text, Rev. 1st ch. 18 verse. Text: "Fear not I am He that was dead; behold I am alive forever more; and have the keys of hell and death." With this text, the speaker preached a great sermon and made a great impression upon the waiting congregation. A collection was lifted which amounted to $6.05. Benediction by Rev. Crockett.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The secondary morning session convened at 9:30 A. M. The devotional service was conducted in the usual order, consisting of a selection of beautiful songs and invocations. At the conclusion the Moderator occupied the chair, and after a few pertinent and impressive remarks he announced the house in order for business. Then followed the reading of church letters and reports and collecting the Association assessments. (See the statistical table.) All churches present having reported, the meeting adjourned until afternoon, after an offering was lifted which amounted to $7.00. Benediction by Rev. E. W. Andrews.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body reassembled at 2:30 P. M. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Smith and Rev. W. C. Cooly. Rev. Smith lead in singing, "I Was A Wandering Sheep. Prayer was offered by the leader. "I heard the voice of Jesus say" was sung. Invocation by Evander Gainey "Father I stretch my hands to Thee was sung. Prayer by Rev. Cooly. The Moderator read the 1st Psalm. Then after some timely and interesting remarks by the Moderator he announced the house in order for business. Then followed the reports of the Executive and Trustee Boards. (See reports) The Treasurer, Bro. John W. McLaughlin, submitted his annual report. (See report.) Then followed the election and reeelction of officers which resulted as follows: Rev. P. C. Covington was reelected Moderator; Rev. H. I. Quick was reelected Vice Moderator; Rev. J. A. Tyson was reelected Recording Secretary; Rev. James Wertz reelected Corresponding Secretary; Bro. J. W. McLaughlin, Treasurer; Rev. W. S. Saunders reelected Auditor. After the conclusion of the election and remarks by Prof. James F. Wertz and Rev. H. I. Quick, Rev. W. T. Johnson came before the body and discussed the subject of regeneration. The speaker said in part: that the word regenerated means to renovate, to make over again as good as new spiritually. The speaker brought out clear and explicit all the essentials pertaining to the great and fundamental doctrine of regeneration without which there can be neither sanctification nor

salvation. The speaker discussed the subject with veneration and ease, held the closest attention of the audience and made a profound impression. Rev. Ivey led in singing, "I will draw all men unto me." Then Rev. Quick came before the body and stated that he had relinquished his space on the program to Rev. G. B. Mason. Rev. Mason presented himself before the body in his usual way and spoke with ease. He spoke many interesting facts pertaining to the past and present that was wholesome and well worth our serious consideration.

Then Rev. J. T. Williams discussed the Doctrine of Sanctification, which is the second all important, vital Doctrine of the Bible. He said that sanctification in its primary since means to set apart, to dedicate and consecrate for Divine purposes and in its highest conception or meaning is to make holy. The speaker spoke with eloquence and power and made a profound impression. Rev. Quick led in singing, "Walk in the Light," while an offering was lifted which amounted to $11.00 for Rev. Mason and Rev. Carmichael. On motion by Rev. L. W. Wertz that the Association present to Rev. H. I. Quick a silver cup as a token of respect for his extended service to the Association. On motion by Rev. Wertz, that the Association supplement the offering for Rev. Mason and Rev. Carmichael $2.00 each. Benediction by Rev. J. T. Harrison.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Prof. Dean was asked to offer a special blessing upon all our Christian work and efforts and Shaw University. After which we were favored with a beautiful song "The Coronation." The 10th chapter of St. John was read by Prof. Boon. Then the choir rendered another beautiful selection. Invocation by Father Mason. "I am not ashamed to own my Lord," was sung. Then the Moderator introduced Rev. J. T. William D. D. to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Dr. Williams arose and after a few preliminary remarks announced for a text: St. John the 10th chapter 28 verse. "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish and and no one shall pluck them out of my hand.' 'This great man of God preached a great sermon and was listened to with intense interest and was enjoyed beyond expression. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. D. Lpscombe. Then after the choir had rendered a beautiful selection the pastor asked five Profs. to pay $5.00 each. While the offering was being offered the choir rendered beautiful music. Amount of the offering was $22.40. Benediction by Rev. J. T. Williams.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session reconvened at 9:40. The praise service was conducted by Rev. A. M. Allen. Hymn No. 490 was sung, "I am not ashamed to

own my Lord." Invocation by Bro. S. W. Core, "Shine on Me" was sung. Rev. H. T. Carmichael offered prayer. "Go preach my gospel was sung", after which the Moderator occupied the chair. He read a scripture lesson from the 133rd Psalm, after which he announced the house in order for business. Then after some suggestions by the brethern pertaining to the general interest of the Association, Rev. L. W. Wertz reminded the body that he had made ample preparation to discuss the subject or topic assigned to him, namely, Is the modern method of securing pastors in keeping with the New Testament?" The Moderator informed Rev. Wertz that he would be heard later. Prof. K. J. Huff discussed the "Diety". St. John the 1st chapter. Rev. Huff proved himself equal to the task. Rev. Quick spoke briefly, commending Rev. Huff in his great effort. Rev. J. T. Williams offered a resolution which was adopted. (See resolution.) Then the Grand Old Body engaged in a hearty hand shake. The committee on the Moderator's annual address read its report. Report adopted. (See report.) Then followed the election of delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which resulted as follows: Rev. L. W. Wertz, Rev. B. J. Ivey, Rev. H. I. Quick, Rev. P. C. Covington, Rev. J. T. Williams. Deacons, G. G. Love, C. T. Hasty, and J. M. Covington were elected alternates. On motion each delegate was given $4.00 for traveling expenses. On motion adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Core. Then the committee on the constitution submitted its report, adopted, (See report). Committee on Education submitted its report. (See report.) On motion the committee on place submitted its report, report adopted (See report.) On motion adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. S. Saunders.

REV. P. C. COVINGTON, D. D. Moderator

REV. J. A. TYSON, Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THANKS OFFERED BY REV. J. T. WILLIAMS AND ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Whereas the pastor and good people of Jone's Chapel and the several churches of the town of Red Springs and adjacent communities have united their forces and means for the entertainment of the Association, Be it Resolved: That we express our heart felt thanks by a standing vote. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WILLIAMS

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your committee on education beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas the State of North Carolina is sponsoring an eight month school term, and whereas high schools have been established in every town, training our youth, and whereas the pews will eventually out wit the pulpit: Therefore, be it resolved that we your committee recommend the following:

1. That this Association will establish a scholarship fund of $100.00 in Shaw University for a worthy young preacher desiring to enter Shaw. Before any consideration will be given, the candidate must be a graduate of a Standard High School.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
PROF. R. B. DEAN, Chairman
REV. K. D. HOUGH, Secretary
REV. R. H. L. CROCKETT,
REV. E. D. Womack
REV. R. C. CAMPBELL
BRO. V. H. HINES, and
BRO. A. L. McRae.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES—NEW BODIES

Committee on New Bodies: We your committee on New Bodies beg to submit the following report. We have carefully considered the organization of the McCormick Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. After having examined into the orthodox of said church, we find it properly organized and recommend its reception into the Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted by Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

We your committee on place beg leave to make the following report. After carefully considering the application namely: Oak Hill, Bethel, Providence, Silver Grove, Henry Grove and Center Grove, We have decided that the 65th annual session of the Association will convene with the Henry Grove Missionary Baptist church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October and close on Friday.

Respectfully submitted by Committee.

LIST OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Finance—Bro C. T. Hasty, Bro. H. R. Robinson, J. C. Gilchrist

Committee on New Bodies—Rev. W. S. Saunders, Rev. H. I. Quick, Rev. W. T. Johnson, Rev. C. J. Cooper, Rev. E. Z. Greene.

Committee on Place—Rev. J. Core, Rev. Jas. Murainnie, Rev. C. C. McAllister, Bro. J. H. Bostick, Rev. Walter Graham, Rev. Zeb McRae, Rev. S. H. Ingram, Bro. J. T. Dockery, Rev. James Hasty.

COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

The Committee recommends that the Association highly endorse the most timely annual message of the Moderator. We further recommend that recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 be placed in the minutes, and that recommendation 4 be eliminated.

Respectfully submitted
THE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MODERATOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

We your Committee on the Moderator's annual message have read carefully, and noted with intense interest said message and find it to be a wonderful document full of logic, instruction and advice and we recommend that it be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted
THE COMMITTEE

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. H. I. Quick, Rev. I. T. Hays, Rev. W. S. Saunders, Rev. L. W. Wertz, Rev. B. J. Ivey, Bro. R. C. White, Bro. G. G. Love.

Committee on Education—R. B. Dean, Chairman, Rev. K. D. Hough, Rev. R. H. Crockett, Rev. E. D. Womack, Bro. V. H. Hines, Bro. A. L. McRae, Rev. R. C. Campbell.

Committee on Obituary—Rev. T. A. W. Johns, Rev. E. W. Andrews, Rev. W. C. Cooly, Rev. J. W. Diggs, Rev. W. H. Horn.

Committee On Constitution—Rev. L. W. Wertz, Rev. H. I. Quick, Rev. J. T. Williams, Rev. B. J. Ivey, Rev. J. F. Wertz. Rev. W. S. Saunders, G. B. Mason.

Committee on Moderator's Annual Address—Rev. L. W. Wertz. Rev. L. L. King, Rev. J. T. Williams.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. Walter Graham, Rev. A. D. Boatman, Rev. W. J. Furgeson, Rev. A. M. Allen, Rev. J. B. Everett.

Committee on Condition of Country—Rev. L. L. King, Rev. K. J. Hough, Prof. Boon.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational and Missionary Association of N. C.

Article 2. Object shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men and shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. It shall be composed of messengers of regular Baptist churches, each church being entitled to 3 messengers. Ministers and pastors of the churches connected with this Association shall be considered member ex-officio of this Association.

Article 4. Messengers from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of all funds collected during the year, and the amount disbursed for pastor's expenses, improvements. State and foreign missions, education, Association and benevolent purposes.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Sec., Corresponding Sec., Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Trustee Board, Ministerial Examining Board, Superanuated Ministers Board each to consist of not less than 5 judicial brethern, chosen annually. A majority of votes present shall constitute an election, and continue until their successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside during the deliberation of the Association, enforce and observe the Constitution and decorum appoint committees, namely: On finance, education, temperance, resolutions. Constitution, new bodies, place the condition of the country, and obituary, decide all questions of order, and give his opinion on subjects under discussion, after others have, or when called upon, and he may give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and the distribution of the minutes. It shall be the duty of the Cor. Secretary to assist the Recording Secretary and serve as Secretary of the Trustee and Executive Boards and keep up the correspondence between the churches and the Association.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent in by the churches or collected during the session of the Association. He shall also make an annual report of the Treasury at each session of the Association and pay out only by order, properly signed.

Article 8. Any church desiring to become a member of the Association shall present a petition at an annual session through the messengers and a letter. If the Association consents to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the messengers the right-hand of fellowship.

Article 9. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or minister that is not in Gospel order.

Article 10. The Association may invite visiting brethern to seats and extend them all privileges of the body except that of voting.

Article 11. The annual session of the Association shall meet on Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M. before the second Lord's Day in October and be held at such places as will be considered most expedient and shall close on Friday before the Second Sunday in October.

Article 12. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached introductory, educational, doctrinal, temperance and missionary sermons.

Article 13. The Woman's Missionary Association and Convention shall represent their work and report to this Association on Friday by delegates and letter, and turn over the surplus money.

Article 14. Each church connected with the Association shall pay 15 cent per member annually for such purposes as the Association may direct

Article 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-third vote of the messengers present.

(NOTE—This Constitution was approved and adopted at Cartledge's Creek, Richmond County, N. C., September 10th 1870, and greatly amended at Keyser, N. C., October 9th, 1898.)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Dear Fellow Workers in The Gospel Ministry Delegates and Friends:

Time in its onward sweep has brought us face to face again to do business for the Master, to expand and to extend his kingdom here on earth. Our task is a stupendous one, and calls for a great deal of faith in these days when all about us there seems to be a great deal of unrest shattered Ideals, and blasted hopes on the part of those who have professed the name of Him, in whom is our hope, our stay, our trust.

And so we have come in this our Sixty-Fourth Annual gathering to take stock, to gather strength, that we might carry on in His name, and at the same time lift up our hearts in gratitude to our heavenly father for His guiding care. We have much in common to be thankful for: Our health, our strength, our spared lives and countless other blessings that have come from a bountiful hand that has sustained us through one of the worst depressions that has perhaps visited out nation. Yet, under all of these circumstances we should keep faith, be thankful and work with a cheerful spirit, with the assurance that behind the darkness stands the Christ keeping watch over his own. And no matter how dark the days, how threatening the clouds of seeming disaster, God is for all whose trust is stayed on Him, who serves Him, and no harm can befall them, for underneath are the everlasting arms.

Brthern, I deeply appreciate the honor that has come to me from your hands, to serve you as Moderator of our Association, I have endeavored to serve you as best I could with my limited ability. Had it not been for your splendid spirit of cooperation we could not have carried on successfully as we have. To all who have contributed to the success of our Association endeavors shall have their reward.

As we look back over the past year, we are not unmindful that there are many things that we could have done to strengthen our work, which we have left undone and for which we must suffer. Let us pray that God will give us light to see our our duty and the courage to dare and do.

Our Responsibility As Ministers

When we take a retrospective view of our race as a whole, we view with a great deal of alarm, the growing carelessness of the youth of our race, on attendance of church services and the indifference on church attendance. even by those whose names are attached to our church rolls. These things do not best speak for the safety of our race. As ministers and as christian lay workers, we must sound aloud the danger that is ahead of us. If the youth of our race neglect the church—and if we fail to sound the alarm God will require their blood at our hands. In the past few years, we have seen the passing of the Negro Fraternal Organizations, Institutions in which the Negro had invested heavily of time and of money to the neglect of Gods church. It was our effort to build for ourselves a tower of Babel but God in his way has confounded our effort in that direction and

now that we have one, and the only one impregnable institution, the church, which towers over the wrecks of storms, let us with might and main devote our entire time to the buiding of this, the worlds greatest institution and her biggest business adventure. And may I here and now say that if the Black Man is to come to his best it will be through the medium of the church. And brethern, our work is to tie the youth of our race to the church. How best to do it is the problem. If you would ask me for a solution to this knotty problem, I would say that the only way to tie the youth to the church, we must first tie the father and the mother.

Our Educational Project

In the past decade the State of North Carolina has done much for the Education of the Youth of our race. She is to be commended for the very excellent work that she has done. Our efforts as a church were put in comparison to the irresistable efforts of our great common-wealth, we have seen our cherished hope trail in the dust. But with faith in God and faith in ourselves we must continue to encourage the education of our sons and daughters along well directed lines. We must build up a breastwork of safety within the race. And this breastwork can only be impregnable when righteousness is her bulwark.

We view with great distress of heart the large number of lynchings that have occurred during the year and the past years. It is a blot upon civilization. As a race we are the sufferers in a sense. This ignominious practice of barbarism must be wiped out if the present civilization of our great government is to remain secure and permanent. No race, no nation can remain, or stand, unless that nation or that race stand upon the firm foundation of justice and righteousness to all her subjects. The church can do much toward lessening this stigma, this blot on our American civilization. The solution to the whole problem lies with us. We must instill in the heart of the youth of the race honest and just prin ciples and to respect womanhood wherever found, whether black or white. When we study this black page in the history of our nation we find that when such crimes are perpetrated that leads to the vicious practice of lynchings, they are born in some demented brain that has not come under the influence of the Christian religion, people who are not connected or attached to the church, the condition however deplorable; however black, should and must be met and solved. It is a part of the church's duty to exert such an influence as together all of the people in a given community for Christian training. How best to do it is the problem. God grant us a solution.

Our Greater Shaw University

Shaw University is our greatest heritage in North Carolina. We have noted its growth under the Presidency of white men; Dr. Meserve, and Dr. Peacock. We would be ingrates if we did not extend to them our thanks for whatever efforts they put forth conscientiously for the develop-

ment of the youth of our race. But a new day has come to us. This great institution, built up by prayer, by the sweat, and the honest toils of our forbear has been in a sense handed over to us. What are we going to do with it? Shall we support it whole-heartedly? Heretofore, we have divided out attention to the secondary schools of our various choices and now that there remains one and only one central school, it should be the great objective of this Association to encourage the President, who is a Negro, Bone of our bones, and blood of our blood. Back behind him should stand our earnest prayers, our pocket books however scanty, and our words of praise, viewing the distance from whence we have come, and looking back, and at the same time looking forward, we have much for which to congratulate ourselves. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Jacksons, the Dockerys, the Covingtons, the Masons, the Hines, the Ellerbes, the Browns. Our fathers and mothers who have gone before, and others who have contributed in any way to the growth of our work. Let us stand together, work together, pray together, life together, that our work may go forward, glow and grow into larger proportions.

Brethern, in concluding these remarks, I commend you to the mercies of our Heavenly Father. May His spirit hover over us throughout this entire session. God grant that harmony, peace, brotherly love, and good will shall prevail and that whatever we do shall redound to the glory and the honor of our Heavenly Father

To guide us in our efforts during this Association, I desire to make the following recommendations, and in making these recommendations I do so with all candor of spirit and purpose, that our work shall go forward to that happy conclusion for which we all pray.

Recommendations

First—The Pee Dee Institute. That we keep and maintain the property of the Pee Dee Institute as the building some time ago was wrecked by storm, let us as men of God arise and go forward and repair the first story of that building and let it be used as the Association directs.

Second. That no brother who has been called of God to the Gospel Ministry be ordained at any church in the bounds of the Pee Dee Association without the consent of the Ministerial Examining Board, as they have been appointed to examine all applicants for ordination.

Third. That each church connected with the Pee Dee Association shall pay 15 cents per member annually for such purposes as the association may direct.

Fifth. That the Association continue its support to the State Convention, Home and Foreign mission work and to Shaw University.

Sixth. That the widows of the ministers who have served their lives out in this association shall have a donation annually from this association.

Yours for the cause of Christ and the work,

P. C. COVINGTON, Moderator

Churches	Pastors and Post Offices	Clerks and Post Offices	Members	Finance	Pastors Salary	Church Value
Alley Grove	Rev. I. T. Hays, Pine Bluff N C					
Ashley Heights						
Bright Hope Well	Rev. C. D. Lipscombe, Laurinburg, "	Dr. J. A. Moore, Laurinburg, N. C.	175	$ 2.45	$300	$4000
Buffalo Springs	Rev. C. S. Burk, Hamlet "	W. C. Dobbins, Timberland, N. C.	303	7.35	200	2000
Bethlehem	Rev. P. C. Covington, Gibson "	A. L. McRae, Maxton, N. C.	100	5.00	300	2500
Covington Chapel	Rev. B. J. Ivey, Charlotte "	Mrs. Alberta Diggs, Troy, N. C.	34	5.00	300	2000
Center Grove	Rev. G. B. Gilchrist, Laurinburg "	W. R. McEachin, Red Springs, N. C.	104	5.60	200	1500
Cedar Grove				4.20		1000
Ellerbe Grove	Rev. T. A. W. Johns, Laurinburg "	Miss Mattie Ellerbe R'kingham, N. C.	55	6.15	125	1000
Evan's Grove	Rev. W. M. Harris, Laurinburg "	T. Brown, Laurinburg, N. C.	40	6.30		
Ebenezer	Rev. W. H. Horne, Morven "	Rachel Quick, Rockingham, N. C.	75	3.50	100	600
Friendship	Rev. H. C. Crofford, Cheraw, S. C.	Louis Nicholson, Hamlet, N. C.		5.00	300	2000
First Bap. So. Pines.	Rev. E. D. Womack, St. Paul "	H. C. Cash, So. Pines, N. C.	63	5.00	300	2000
Galilee	Rev. J. T. Williams, Rockingham "	Miss Bessie Timmans, Pinehurst, N. C.	49	7.35	300	1500
Henry Grove				8.00		1500
Holly Grove	Rev. W. T. Johnson, Wadesboro "	J. H. Bostick, Rockingham, N. C.	400	15.00	400	3000
Island Grove	Rev. C. D. Lipscombe, Laurinburg, "	F. K. Inman, Maxton, N. C.	120	7.00	200	1000
Jones Chapel (R Spr.)	Rev. L. W. Wertz, Hamlet "	G. R. Harrington, R, Springs, N. C.	58	8.50	600	4000
Jone's Chapel(Scot.)	Rev. G. B. Gilchrist, Laurinburg "	Will Ingram, Laurinburg, N. C.	86	6.00	200	1500
Jackson Chapel						
Laurel Hill First Bap.						
Lovely Hill						
Levister Chapel						
Mt. Moriah	Rev. T. R. Richardson Rockingham "					
Mt. Zion	Rev. I. T. Hayes, Pine Bluff "	Rev. J. A. Tyson, Candor, N. C.	78	3.50	150	1000
Marks Creek	Rev. C. S. Spencer, Maxton "	Ivey Dockery, Hamlet, N. C.	18	2.70	100	800
Macedonia	Rev. G. W. Isaac, Hoffman "	Rev. G. W. Issac, Hoffman		4.00	100	1000
Mt. Tabor	Rev. J. T. Williams, Rockingham "	W. C. Luck, Rowland, N. C.	65	7.00	175	1200
Mt Vernon						
Nazareth	Rev. C. J. Cooper, R. Springs "	T. J. Pickens, Wagram, N. C.	65	5.00	150	1000
Nashville	Rev. J. B. Everett, Laurinburg "	Lee Monroe, Morriston, N. C.	125	8.00	200	2000
New Hope	Rev. J. W. Diggs, Pee Dee "	R. C. White, Hamlet, N. C.	156	15.00	300	1000
Oak Hill	Rev. P. C. Covington, Gibson "	C. E. Johnson, Wagram, N. C.	150	10.00	300	1500
Oak Grove	Rev. T. A. Johns, Laurinburg "	J. S. McLean, Wakulla, N. C.	40	4.00	200	1000
Oak Grove (No. 1.)	Rev. Walter Graham	Miss Emma Parsons, Maxton, N. C.	19	2.00	100	800
Providence	Rev. H. I. Quick, Rockingham "	D. D. Steel, Rockingham, N. C.	115	16.25	500	2500
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Poplar Spgs. (Ric'md.)	Rev. R. H. L. Crockett, Wadesboro	"	Starling Ingram, Rockingham, N. C.	150	10.00	200	2000
Reedy Creek							
Red Hill	Rev. S. H. Ingram, Rockingham	"	Lula Bennett, Laurel Hill	18	2.70		
Rock Hill (Rich.)							
Sandy Grove (Rich)	Rev. C. M. Ellerbe, Rockingham	"		44	8.00	100	500
Sandy Grove (Maxton)			C. C. Corlock, Maxton, N. C.		8.00		
Shady Grove	Rev. T. R. Richardson, R'cknham	"	W. F. Gales, Red Springs, N. C.	73	4.00	150	800
Shiloh	Rev. J. W. Diggs, Pee Dee	"	Tom Anderson, Maxton, N. C.	165	8.80	400	10,000
Silver Grove	Rev. P. C. Covington, Gibson	"	Florence Scurlock, Raeford, N. C.	169	12.00	400	10,000
2nd Bap. (Laurinburg)	Rev. G. B. Gilchrist, Laurinburg	"	Will Ingram, Laurinburg, N. C.	86	6.00	200	1000
2nd Bap. (Aberdeen)							
Spring Branche	Rev. L. W. Wertz, Hamlet	"	James W. Woods, Wagram, N. C.	275	20.00	500	10,000
Midway	Rev. W. J. Ferguson, Raeford	"	Mack Anlon, Aberdeen, N. C.	20	4.00	100	800
St. James	Rev. H. T. Thompson, Rowland	"	Loyd McLean, Rowland, N. C.	50	4.50		
St. John	Rev. J. S. Hasty, Hasty	"	Geo. Anet McBride	12	.75		
St. Paul	Rev. G. W. Moore, Raleigh	"	Mrs. Anna Rose, Pinehurst, N. C.	61	8.50	200	200
St. Stephen	Rev. T. A. W. Johns, Laurinburg	"	J. N. Nicholson, Rockingham, N. C.	129	15.00	200	3000
St. Luke	Rev. J. B. Everett, Laurinburg	"	H. J. McCallum, Hasty, N. C.	84	15.00	300	2000
Stuart Grove	Rev. A. L. Smith, Laurel Hill	"	Eddie Read, Laurinburg, N. C.	21	2.50		
Unionville				43	3.50		
Corinth	Rev. Walter Graham, Wagram	"	H. M. Bladden, Aberdeen, N. C.	15	.75		
Laurinburg First Bap.	Rev. W. S. Saunders, Laurinburg	"	E. D. Johnson, Laurinburg, N. C.	93	4.00	200	
Clarks Grove							
Fairley's Grove							
Wadesboro First Bap.	Rev. W. T. Johnson, Wadesboro	"	Purcell Tillman, Wadesboro, N. C.	150	10.00	400	5,000
So. Pines First Bap.	Rev. E. D. Womack, St. Paul	"	H. C. Cash, Southern Pines, N. C.	62	9.30	300	2000
McCormicks Chapel	Rev. T. R. Richardson, R'ckham	"	B. T. Bucker, Red Springs, N. C.	37	3.75	100	
Solid Rock	Rev. C. J. Cooper, Red Springs	"	F. M. McLean, Laurinburg, N. C.	200	4.00	300	4000
Mt. Zion Bap. Church	Rev. A. J. Liles, Wadesboro	"	Henry McNair, Rowland, N. C.	14	2.00		
Spring Hoke (Hoke)	Rev. McAllister, Wagram	"	Fred Code, Red Springs, N. C.	25	3.05	50.00	300
Morrison Grove	Rev. Y. D. McKae, Pinehurst	"	Henson Bruce, Hamlet, N. C.	24	1.00		
St. Mark.	Rev. S. H. Ingram, Rockingham	"	Miss Lillie Bennett, Rowland, N. C.	40	4.00		